AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in this application.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising preventing a message delivery service from being offered, after a no-answer condition, to a caller of a called party if the called party is included in a list that identifies called parties who do not want the message delivery service to deliver caller messages to them.

2. (Original) The invention of Claim 1 further comprising:

offering the message delivery service to the caller if the called party is not included in the list.

3. (Original) The invention of Claim 1 further comprising:

receiving a request from the called party to be included in the list; and

adding the called party to the list.

4. (Original) The invention of Claim 3, wherein a service management system adds the called party to the list.

5.   (Previously Presented)   The invention of Claim 1 further comprising determining if the called party is included in the list if the called party has not answered a call after a predetermined time.

6.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 1, wherein the list comprises caller-ID information.

7.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 1, wherein the list comprises names.

8.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 1, wherein the list comprises numbers.

9.   (Previously Presented)   The invention of Claim 1, wherein a service control point performs the preventing.

10.   (Currently Amended) A method comprising preventing a message from being delivered to a called party if the called party is included in a list that identifies called parties who do not want a message to be delivered to them, wherein the message comprises a voice message recorded during a call from a caller to the called party after a no-answer condition.

11.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 10 further comprising:

delivering the message to the called party if the called party is not included in the list.

12.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 10 further comprising:

receiving a request from the called party to be included in the list; and

adding the called party to the list.

13.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 12, wherein a service management system adds the called party to the list.

14.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 10 further comprising determining if the called party is included in the list.

15.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 10, wherein the list comprises caller-ID information.

16.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 10, wherein the list comprises names.

17.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 10, wherein the list comprises numbers.

18.   (Previously Presented)   The invention of Claim 10, wherein a service control point performs the preventing.

19.   (Currently Amended) Computer-readable media comprising a software component that identifies called parties who do not want a message delivery service that delivers caller messages to them to be offered to callers of the called parties <u>after a no-answer condition</u>.

20.   (Original)   The invention of Claim 19, wherein the software component comprises a database file.

21.   (Previously Presented)   The invention of Claim 1, wherein the caller messages comprise voice messages recorded during calls from callers to the called party.

22.   (Previously Presented)   The invention of Claim 19, wherein the messages comprise voice messages recorded during calls from callers to the called parties.